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SURVEY GROUP HARD AT WORK FOR THIS DIST.

Compilation of Industrial
Data Now On; Leaders To
Meet Here, December 11

With all preliminary discussion cleared away, the recently organized Harbor District industrial survey committee which is expected to promote industrial development of this district in competition with other Pacific Coast ports, got down to business last Friday at Long Beach. Within a couple of months, it expects to have made definite progress towards completing the harbor and its conditions. The Harbor District's manufacturing expansion.

Chief accomplishment of the Friday meeting was the appointment of sub-committees which will carry on the various phases of the work outlined at previous meetings. Objects of the committee were reviewed and each sub-committee, as it was selected, assigned to a definite schedule of work.

Local Men Named
For example, the research committee will study and compile for ready reference all historical and other data which may be needed by the other committees. Comprising the photograph and map committee are W. Rufus Page, representative of the Torrance and Harbor District Chambers of Commerce; Leslie C. Mott, San Pedro chamber; and E. Siemens, Long Beach chamber. This group will seek and have made all photographs and maps desired for the promotion of the harbor area's industrial development.

Charged with the important function of synchronizing and applying the material supplied by the other committees, the explanation sub-committee includes three officers of the major group. They are John F. Craig, chairman of the big committee; William E. Spear, its vice chairman; and Carl L. Hyde, of Torrance, secretary. This committee will disseminate all reports and other material to account to the most good in promoting the district and contact industrial firms prospects.

**Damage Claim
For Fire Loss
Is Disallowed**
Lack of Fire Hydrants Along
Western Avenue To Be
Investigated

A claim for \$700, damages to some small store buildings at 13223 South Western avenue, destroyed several months ago, was not allowed by the city council Tuesday night after it had been presented by the owner of the burned structures, Howard W. Douglas. Although the buildings were in Torrance territory there are no fire hydrants in the vicinity and Douglas held the city responsible for the loss.

Members of the council and City Engineer Leonard explained to the owner that the city does not put in fire hydrants, the water company supplying the mains being the installing agency. Furthermore, it was explained, the Moneta Water Company, which operates through the northern portion of the city, is in Los Angeles territory and the city cannot legally force the utility to install hydrants.

TRACT APPROVED
An additional 13 acres of Hollywood Riviera in Torrance will shortly go on the real estate market, it was indicated Tuesday night when, on recommendation of City Engineer Leonard, the council accepted a map of the new subdivision which is located in the southeast corner of the Riviera tract.

Benefit Dance To Be Held Tonight

Tonight the Torrance Police and Fire departments will hold their annual dance with every cent of the proceeds being given to the Torrance Relief Society. The festivities will be held at the Torrance Penny Ballroom on Carson street, which has been donated to the cause by Manager Glass. Tom Ulrich's fine orchestra is also contributing the music for the occasion. Every resident of Torrance and vicinity is cordially invited to attend this benefit. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Local Boy Wins Gliding Honors In Sunday Meet

Pre-Olympic Contests Will
Be Held At Riviera
Field Monthly

In the first of a series of six monthly glider meets which will be preparatory to a proposed world contest when the Tenth Olympiad is held in Los Angeles, July 30-August 14, Guy Rowell, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, took blue ribbons Sunday for duration and spot landing flights and tied for honors in "balloon busting." He competed against veteran flyers in the primary glider class.

Rowell, senior, is president of the American Glider Association, which announced its plans to sponsor the six-months contests late last week. The meets will be held at Hollywood Riviera in Torrance the first Sunday morning and afternoon of every month. Young Rowell flew a motorless plane belonging to the South Bay Glider club, which holds contests every Sunday at the local field. A small fee is charged each contest of spectators who are throughout the scene of the contests in increasing numbers every holiday.

Jay Buxton, Hawthorne, won first place in all three of the "advanced events" contests last Sunday. These were duration, when Buxton stayed aloft in a glider for 7m. 5s.; distance, one mile, and altitude, 1000 feet.

School Secretarial Staff Reorganized

Principal Herbert S. Wood announced this week that Mrs. Helen L. Collins, nee Tiffany, had resigned her position as secretary at the High school and that Miss Eleanor Boice, who has been serving as Junior clerk, has been appointed to Mrs. Collins' position.

**To Hold Hearing On
Codified Zoning Law**
A public hearing on the codified zoning ordinance, which brings all laws, amendments and resolutions concerning Torrance zoning restrictions since April 1923, up to date, will be held at the council chambers in the city hall, Friday evening, December 11, at 7:15 o'clock.

**Trio Arrested For
Liquor Possession**
Three men were arrested by local police last week-end on possession of liquor charges. Two of them, F. R. Jones, 28, Los Angeles, and Antonio Cortez, 29, Palos Verdes, were tried and convicted. Jones is expected to pay \$50 fine or spend 25 days in jail and Cortez paid a \$25 fine. The third, James Bellie, 26, who gave his address as 911-B Portola avenue, was released shortly after his arrest early Friday morning on \$50 bail. He will have his trial tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Virginia Watson spent Thanksgiving with her parents at their Andree avenue home.

COL. STEEL FABRICATING FORD PARTS

Industry Is Experimenting
With New Line; No
Contract Yet

Experiments in fabricating Ford fenders, tonneau sides and tops, that are now in progress at the Columbia Steel plant, are successful, it is entirely likely that a large amount of new equipment will be installed and many men put to work here.

This was learned yesterday from an authentic source. No contract has been let by the Ford Motor Company for the parts, the local steel plant having undertaken the experiment of producing the material with its present machinery.

**Mrs. Hyde
Passes On
Saturday**

A life-time of unselfish service to her family, her church and community was ended here Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Fannie J. Hyde passed away at her home at 1605 Greenwood avenue. The simple but impressive Christian Science funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Mable Boynton, first reader of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Torrance. Cremation at Pacific Crest followed.

Daughter of Pioneer
As the quietly solemn rites progressed at Stone and Myers' chapel, many among the large crowd that gathered to pay their last respects to Mrs. Hyde remembered her devotion to her home, family and community. Born 67 years ago on April 26, on the Allan Ranch, Buttes des Monts, Wisconsin, Fannie J. Tuttle was a daughter of the pioneer, Nathan Tuttle, who emigrated from his native New York to the forests of what was then the far West.

To Dig Up Old Proposal
If it gives Los Angeles permission for the work, that asphaltic concrete be used instead of cement when the roadway is ultimately paved through our territory and that it should be understood that Torrance property owners are to bear only a nominal cost for the opening and widening, this cost not to be figured on a frontage basis, either," Leonard suggested.

**CHURCHES COLLECT
\$16.80 FOR RELIEF**
Thanksgiving Day offerings at the united services of local churches amounted to \$16.80, which was turned over to the Torrance Relief Society.

WE'RE IN THE MOVIES NOW!

Local Director Starts "Shooting" Scenes Here of Picture
Depicting Life of Fruit Tramps

A little-known avenue of occupation entered the movies here this week when Keith Daniels, motion picture director, began on the set of Hotel Royal, began "shooting" scenes for what he said would be an all-talkie short subject entitled, "Fruit Tramps."

These wandering workers, who follow the fruit and vegetable harvests up and down the coast and inland like migrating birds, lead a venturesome life and Daniels declared he had an interesting story to tell about their periodic treks "following fruit" that would make an excellent talkie presentation.

Torrance, its packing houses, acres of vegetables, business life and many of its citizens will ultimately be filmed by the new resident of the city, according to the director. Daniels said he plans to start a western picture immediately after completing "Fruit Tramps" and he intends to release other all-Torrance, all-talkie picture depicting a story concerning the steel industry.

A. Clarke Goode, experienced cameraman, is photographing Daniels' directorial effort. Daniels also takes a prominent part in the picture. The California Packing Company's new plant on 213th street will be used for scenes of lettuce packing, he said.

Attended by the movie men, equipment and the chance to see "how talkies are really made," a large crowd gathered around the Hotel Royal Monday afternoon to watch Daniels take shots of a scene that will be in the picture when released. The director said that he plans to distribute the picture through a Texas agency. It is not known when or if the picture will be presented in the local theatre.

Man Is Found Dead By Road

Itinerant Wanderer Victim of
Exposure Sunday

Death reached out and removed one member from the ranks of jobless wanderers Sunday afternoon as Stanley Ceyzan, believed to be about 50 years of age, was found beside Hawthorne boulevard and Camino Real. Dr. A. P. Stevenson, who was called by police to examine Ceyzan a few minutes after he had expired, told local officers he believed the man perished from exposure and probably a heart attack.

How Much Is "Nominal"?
As it now stands, Los Angeles' proposal is simply to start condemnation proceedings to open and widen Western avenue's extension through Torrance. The assessment district for this work includes local property lying halfway between Artesiano and Western avenues. All of the widening is to be done in Los Angeles area.

**Parole Violator Is
Held For Burglary**
Robert Vaughn, 27, Los Angeles, on parole from the Torrance police court, and Floyd Jones, 26, also of Los Angeles, were arrested by local officers early Monday morning and charged, according to the Justice store on Carson street and Joe Hale's garage on 229th street earlier that morning.

RIP HELD VALUABLE
LOS ANGELES.—(U.P.)—Damages amounting to \$10,000 were sought in court here by Edith Coury, 17, for a rip in her dress received in a scuffle in her father's dry cleaning shop.

COURT STILL CONSIDERING WATER SUIT

Plan To Press Judge For a
Verdict Fails, Findley
Tells City Council

"We'll just have to sit back and await the court's decision," City Attorney Findley told the council Tuesday night in reporting that as yet the Superior Court judge who heard the demurrer action concerning the water bond suit to satisfy the \$100,000 issue passed here September, 1930, has not yet returned a verdict in the long-pending litigation.

Findley said that a plan to have counsel for both sides interview the court to press for an answer had to be abandoned because the attorneys for the stockholder of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, which is fighting the issuance of the bonds for a publicly-owned water system, could not agree with the city's attorney and special counsel in this move.

Will Hold Open House

Judge John Dennis announced yesterday that he would hold an "open house" at his new justice court in the Sam Levy building on Cravens avenue opposite the city hall, Monday evening, December 14. All residents of Torrance and Lomita are cordially invited to come and inspect the new county justice quarters at that time.

"I will hold regular court in the present Lomita location through Monday afternoon, December 14, and on Tuesday morning, December 15, will open the new justice court in Torrance," Dennis declared. The work of reconstructing the interior of the second floor of the building, installing furniture and laying of carpets will be completed by Saturday, December 12, it was reported.

RUSH WORK ON WELL IN DEEP SANDS

Preparing to rush the remaining work on their deep test well on Palm avenue in South Torrance through to bringing in high gravity oil the end of this week or the first of next, the Higgins brothers, Al and Ralph, moved three crews from their Signal Hill holdings Tuesday. Three shifts will be used to ream out the broken casing that delayed the well about 10 days ago.

**Club Sells
83 Tickets**
To the National Business and Professional Women's organization in Torrance goes the credit for selling the most tickets—83—for the benefit matinee for the Relief Society given recently at the Torrance Theatre. The club turned over \$20.75 of the total of \$69 which was realized from the advance sale of tickets, according to a final report this week from Manager Frank Higgins who sponsored the matinee in the theatre.

Bruce Bilger Is Transferred North

Bruce Bilger, district manager for the Standard Oil Company, left yesterday with Mrs. Bilger to take up his duties as manager of the Santa Barbara area for the company. Bilger's position here has been taken over by Floyd Has-kill who has been transferred from the Santa Barbara district to the local or Moneta district.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bilger called at their home on Cota avenue Tuesday evening to wish them a fond farewell, and also to meet Mr. and Mrs. Has-kill. Bilger has been local manager of the Standard Oil Company for the past five years, and Has-kill has been in charge of the Santa Barbara district for the past three years.

"Old Master" Corrals Votes

Will Be Prexy of Kiwanis
Club After January 4



Henry F. "Hank" Ulbright

Henry F. Ulbright, known to his many friends as "The Old Master," grid fan extraordinaire and "Hank" the printer, was elected president of the Torrance Kiwanis club Monday night to succeed Sam Rappaport, retiring club leader. During the past year, Ulbright has served as vice president. He will be installed in office probably on January 4 when the service club will hold its annual installation party. A committee was appointed this week to arrange for this event.

Retiring President Rappaport was elected district trustee. C. A. Paxman was chosen as vice president and C. T. Rippey, present district trustee, was elected treasurer. The new directors will be Dr. R. F. Bishop, Charles Schultz, Frank Steinhilber, Michael Strasser, Alfred Turner, L. J. Acece and John Holm. Retiring directors are Douglas Collins and G. E. Fossman. The election committee was composed of John Holm, G. M. Calder and Nick Galucci.

VISTA HIGH- LANDS JOB IS DELAYED

School Board Has Not Yet
Answered Letter On
Plan's Details

No reply has been received to City Engineer Leonard's letter to the Board of Education which set forth the details of the proposed improvement of the Vista High-lands district and informed the school authorities that their share of the projected work around the Fern Avenue school would amount to about \$15,000, Leonard told the council this week.

**Relief Workers
Express Thanks
For Fund Drive**
Grateful and sincere "thank you's" were expressed by officers and members of the Torrance Relief Society this week to citizens who made the recently-completed drive for funds an outstanding civic success. A quota of "at least \$3000" for welfare work among local unfortunate families was exceeded by over \$100 in cash and unpaid pledges amounting to approximately \$300 and \$50 donation before the purchase of milk are yet outstanding.

NO DAMAGE AT FIRE
A clean-up crew working behind the Columbia Steel plant created a fire that caused a small oil tank to boil over and create a considerable blaze yesterday afternoon. The local fire department extinguished the fire before any damage was done.

UNUSUAL SIGHT
WOODLAND.—(U.P.)—New thrills for the young and old thrills for the old were provided when a team of horses ran away. George Manning, driver, landed in the Woodland clinic.

ALL OIL RIGS IN CITY MAY GET TESTING

Structural Condition To Be
Determined In Order To
Prevent Damage

Preparatory to launching a city-wide investigation of all oil derricks to determine their structural condition, the Ordinance committee, City Attorney and City Engineer will study the existing municipal laws regarding the city's power to determine the safety of the derricks and their removal if found to be hazardous.

Councilman Nelson opened the discussion of the matter by inquiring if any annual check was made on the derricks in Torrance to assure safety. He particularly referred to the newly-annexed South Torrance territory, where, he said, he believed a number of unsafe rigs were a menace to residents living near them.

Charter Is Specific
City Engineer Leonard said that the city can not, by law, require to keep the structures in good condition and could tear down unsafe rigs at its own expense. In the South Torrance field it will be hard to locate the legal owners because of the topsy-turvy condition of the leases and oil business in general.

"The new city charter, which will shortly be in the hands of the people for study and decision, is very specific on this matter, especially in point of liability," Leonard continued. "But the present ordinance on the subject could be given new teeth to safeguard the city until the charter is acted upon."

Nelson's point was that the city may be held negligent in enforcing the existing ordinance if a periodic check is not maintained.